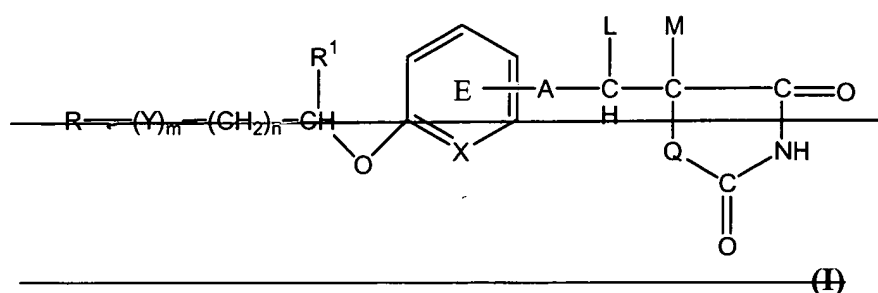


**In the Claims**

**Please substitute the following claims 1, 4 and 11 for claims 1, 4 and 11 now pending in the above-identified application.**

- wherein the insulin sensitizer is ~~a compound of the formula:~~



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Claims 2 and 3 (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~compound of the formula (I) or salt thereof~~ insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone hydrochloride.

Claims 5 and 6 (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method for lowering the concentration of glycosylated hemoglobin in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of pioglitazone hydrochloride and mazindol.

Claims 8-10 (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~compound of the formula (I) or salt thereof~~ insulin sensitizer is rosiglitazone or its maleate.

Claims 12-23 (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the anorectic is sibutramine.

25. (Previously Presented) A method for lowering the concentration of glycosylated hemoglobin in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of pioglitazone or its salt, and sibutramine.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the insulin sensitizer and the anorectic are administered to the mammal concomitantly.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the insulin sensitizer and the anorectic are administered to the mammal separately.

Claims 28-50 (Cancelled)